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Federal Opportunities

Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Models on College Campuses. *The Department of Education (DOED)* announces funds to identify, enhance, further evaluate, and disseminate information about effective alcohol or other drug prevention programs at institutions of higher education. Eligible applicants include institutions of higher education. The deadline for applications is April 16, 2004. Approximately \$750,000 is available to fund 10 awards, ranging from \$50,000-\$125,000. For further information, contact Kimberly Light at (202) 260-2647 or kimberly.light@ed.gov; or go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgrtxt/04-5154.txt>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

Demonstration and Training Programs-Braille Training Program. *The Department of Education (DOED)* announces funds to establish projects that will provide training in the use of Braille for personnel providing vocational rehabilitation services or educational services to youth and adults who are blind. Eligible applicants include state agencies and other public and nonprofit organizations, including institutions of higher education. The deadline for applications is April 26, 2004. Approximately \$200,000 is available to fund two awards. For further information, contact Theresa DeVaughn at (202) 205-5392 or Alfreda Reeves at (202) 205-9361; or go to: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-5669.htm>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

Early Reading First. *The Department of Education*

(DOED) announces funds to enhance the oral language, cognitive, and early reading skills of preschool-age children, especially those from low-income families. Eligible applicants include local educational agencies (LEA), public or private organizations, and faith-based organizations. The deadline for applications is April 22, 2004. Approximately \$94.4 million is available to fund 21-125 awards, ranging from \$750,000-\$4.5 million. For further information, contact Mary Anne Lesiak at (202) 260-2195 or MaryAnne.Lesiak@ed.gov; or go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgrtxt/04-5149.txt>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

Participatory Research on Community Interventions to Increase the Utilization of Effective Cancer Preventive and Treatment Services. *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)* announces support for research to evaluate the effectiveness of community interventions to increase the use by health plans, health insurers, and/or health care providers of evidence-based cancer screening and treatment services in the following three areas: (1) to increase provision of colorectal cancer screening; (2) to increase use of shared decision-making for prostate cancer screening; or (3) to increase use of systematically developed guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of ovarian cancer. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, universities, colleges, and research institutions. The deadline for Letters of Intent is March 26, 2004. The deadline for applications is May 10, 2004. Approximately \$1.95 million is available for at least one award in each of the three areas. For further information, contact the Technical

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Information Management Section, CDC Procurement and Grants Office, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341, (770) 488-2700; or go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/04-5433.txt>.

Regional Academic Environmental Public Health Centers.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces funds to facilitate the development of an integrated national system for academic institutions to assist and support state and local public health departments in the delivery of environmental health services. This announcement will fund five academic institutions to serve as regional centers. Eligible applicants include academic institutions, including universities and colleges with accredited under-graduate or graduate environmental health programs, and accredited schools of public health. The deadline for Letters of Intent is April 12, 2004. The deadline for applications is May 10, 2004. Approximately \$800,000 is available to make five awards. For further information, contact the Technical Information Management Section, CDC Procurement and Grants Office, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341, (770) 488-2700; or go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/04-5438.txt>.

Statewide Consumer Network Grants. *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)* announces funds to develop and enhance the capacity of mental health and/or substance abuse service systems to support programs and services. Eligible applicants include nonprofit and faith-based organizations. The deadline for applications is April 7, 2004. Approximately \$1.5 million is available to fund 20-22 awards of up to \$70,000. For further information, contact Risa Fox at (301) 443-3653 or rfox@samhsa.gov; or go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/04-4688.txt>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

Statewide Family Network Grants. *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)* announces funds to develop or enhance service system infrastructure in order to support effective substance abuse and/or mental health service delivery that is consumer and family driven. Eligible applicants include nonprofit

organizations, including faith-based entities and currently funded Statewide Family Networks grantees. The deadline for applications is April 7, 2004. Approximately \$2.8 million is available to fund 43 awards. For further information, contact Elizabeth Sweet at (301) 443-1333 or esweet@samhsa.gov; or go to: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-4689.htm>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants. *The Department of Education (DOED)* announces funds to promote improvements in the quality of new teachers, with the ultimate goal of increasing student achievement in K-12 classrooms. Eligible applicants include partnerships, which include, at a minimum: (1) a partner institution – a private independent or state-supported public institution of higher education with eligible teacher education program; (2) a school of arts and sciences; and (3) a high-need local educational agency (LEA). The deadline for pre-applications is April 2, 2004. The deadline for full applications is June 14, 2004. Approximately \$28.8 million is available for 25 awards, ranging from \$500,000-\$2 million. For further information, contact Luretha Kelley at (202) 502-7645 or Luretha.Kelley@ed.gov; or go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/04-4766.txt>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

Technical Assistance and Dissemination To Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities-Regional Resource Centers. *The Department of Education (DOED)* announces funds to support states and local entities in building capacity to improve early intervention, educational, and transitional services and results for children with disabilities and their families. Eligible applicants include state education agencies (SEA), local education agencies (LEA), institutions of higher education, other public agencies, and nonprofit and for-profit organizations. The deadline for applications is April 16, 2004. Approximately \$7.8 million is available to fund six awards. For further information, contact DOED's Grants and Contracts Services at (202) 205-8207; or go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/04-5389.txt>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO

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Technical Assistance and Training for Immunization Coalitions and Immunization Information Dissemination. *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)* announces funds to provide support for immunization coalitions and for the dissemination of immunization information to enhance the effectiveness of disease prevention programs that reduce the annual burden of vaccine preventable diseases. Eligible applicants include nonprofits organizations, universities, colleges, hospitals, community- and faith-based organizations, and government entities. The deadline for applications is May 3, 2004. Approximately \$682,000 is available to fund four awards, ranging from \$100,000-\$400,000. For further information, contact Karis Sapsis at (404) 639-8837 or ksapsis@cdc.gov; or go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/04-4808.txt>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

Training and Information for Parents of Children with Disabilities-Community Parent Resource Centers. *The Department of Education (DOED)/Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)* announces funds to ensure that parents of children with disabilities receive training and information to help improve results for their children. Eligible applicants include local parent organizations. The deadline for applications is April 16, 2004. Approximately \$1 million is available to make 10 awards of \$100,000 each. For further information, contact the Grants and Contracts Services Team, DOED, at (202) 205-8207; or go to: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-5390.htm>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

District Opportunities

Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP). *The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development* announces funding for specific, discrete technical assistance and funding for projects and activities that help to revitalize neighborhood business districts. Awards will be made in four categories of technical assistance: organization; economic restructuring;

design, and promotion. Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations operating in DC, excluding designated DC Main Streets districts, whose goals include the economic revitalization of neighborhood business district(s). Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Approximately \$400,000 in matching funds is available to make grants, ranging from \$500-\$25,000. Applicants will be required to match every \$2 of CD-TAP funding with \$1 toward the project cost. Applicants are required to complete a standard grant application developed by the Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers. For information and to access the application, go to: http://www.washingtongrantmakers.org/WG/GM_Resources/Format/Format_Index.asp. Applications should be mailed or delivered to reSTORE DC, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 317, Washington, DC 20009. For further information, contact David Toland at (202) 727-5209 or david.toland@dc.gov; or go to: <http://restore.dc.gov>.

Commercial Property Acquisition and Development Program (CP-A&D). *The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development* announces funding to acquire, redevelop or build commercial properties located within DC. The commercial property shall contain retail stores that appropriately serve the needs of customers in the property's trade area. Eligible applicants include nonprofit corporations operating in DC, including areas designated as local DC Main Street programs, and whose goals include the economic revitalization of a neighborhood business district(s). Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Approximately \$5 million in matching funds is available to make grants ranging from \$25,000-\$250,000. Applicants will be required to match every \$1 of funding with \$2 toward the project cost. Applicants are required to complete a standard grant application developed by the Washington Regional Association of Grant-makers. For information and to access the application, go to: http://www.washingtongrantmakers.org/WG/GM_Resources/Format/Format_Index.asp. Applications should be mailed or delivered to reSTORE DC, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 317, Washington, DC 20009. Additional forms for project evaluation are available from reSTORE DC and must be submitted with the application. For further information about these forms, contact David Toland

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Reading First Initiative Grant Program. *The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)/State Education Agency (SEA)* announces funds to improve reading instruction and assessments in grades K-3, in schools demonstrating the greatest needs related to academic achievement and poverty. Eligible applicants include qualified local education agencies (LEA). The deadline for applications is April 20, 2004, at 5:00pm. Approximately \$3.2 million is available, with grants averaging \$70,000 per participating school site that the LEA will serve under the grant program. Applicants must attend the Pre-Application Conference on March 23, 2004, 2:00-4:00pm, at 825 North Capitol Street, NE, 5th Floor Board Room. The Request for Applications (RFA) will be released on March 16, 2004. It will also be available on the Mayor's Office of Partnership and Grants Development (OPGD) website (listed below) and the District of Columbia Public School (DCPS) website (www.dcps.dc.gov) no later than March 22, 2004. For further information, contact Deidre M. Hunt, CDH Management and Consulting, at (202) 641-5766.

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The DC Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are still available at http://opgd.dc.gov/info/grant/funding_grants/index.shtml for the following notices:

The DC State Education Office (SEO), FY2004 Teacher Quality Improvement Grant Program, March 19, 2004, at 5pm.

The Office of the Secretary (OS), Escheated Estates, March 26, June 25, September 24, and December 30, 2004.

Foundation Opportunities

Community Service. *The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)* supports a Caring for Community Grant Program. The program encourages the development of medical student-initiated services and programs that explore new ways to serve their local communities. Programs may range from those that promote awareness about

sexually transmitted diseases, to vaccination and literacy programs, to any program that fulfills an unmet need within the community. Eligible applicants include medical schools. Grant awards will also be offered to eligible service programs that are currently underway. The deadline for applications is March 29, 2004. Approximately 10 grants are available. For further information, contact AAMC at 202-828-0680 or rsabalis@aamc.org; or go to: <http://www.aamc.org/about/awards/cfc.htm>.

Education & Community Revitalization. *The Bank of America Foundation's* primary goal is to support education in the areas of early childhood development, financial literacy, and professional development for teachers. Its secondary goal is to help communities succeed through affordable housing and workforce development programs. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. There are no deadlines for applications. Qualified organizations interested in applying for a grant should complete the online eligibility quiz. Upon completion, applications are sent to the office in the correct geographic area for review. For further information or to access the eligibility quiz, go to: <http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/>.

Music, Education, and Community. *The Sparkplug Foundation* funds start-up projects and innovations in music, education and community organizing. In all areas of focus, Sparkplug is interested in making one-time grants for activities that create sustainable communities and promote diversity. Eligible applicants include 501(c)(3) organizations, projects with 501(C)(3) sponsoring organizations, and individuals working on nonprofit projects. The deadline for applications is April 30, 2004. For further information, go to: <http://sparkplugfoundation.org/>.

Social Change. *Common Counsel's Grantee Exchange Fund (GXF)* provides grants to encourage social change organizations to seek technical assistance from one another, and to help build regional and national networks among organizations. Grants cover training, travel or conference expenses. Eligible applicants include grassroots, community-based organizations working on economic, social justice, and environmental initiatives. There are no deadlines for applications. Approximately 45 grants, ranging from \$300-\$800, are available each year.

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For further information, contact GXF at 1221 Preservation Park Way, Suite 101, Oakland, CA 94612; or go to: <http://www.commoncounsel.org/pages/foundation.html#grantee>.

Resources & Announcements

Bidders' Conference. *The DC Children & Youth Investment Trust Corporation* will host a Bidders' Conference for its Adult and Lifelong Learning Initiative grant. The conference will take place on March 17, 2004, 2pm, at 1616 P Street, 7th Floor. For further information, call (202) 347-4441; or go to: www.cyitc.org.

Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC). *The Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* provides assistance to nonprofit and government representatives through a resource center at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200 South. The GIRC provides technical assistance that connects DC Government agencies, nonprofit and faith-based organizations to information about resources that improve community services in the city. The primary focus of the GIRC is to assist emerging and small nonprofits that either lack computer access or the knowledge to best use their existing computer technology to identify grant, capacity building, and other related resource information online. Featured in the GIRC are four workstations with funding research databases and access to the Internet. The Center also has a small library of printed materials. Access to the GIRC is free of charge but requires an appointment. **Call (202) 727-8900 to schedule an appointment.**

Vietnamese Health Training Program. *The Department of Human Services (DHS)/Office of Early Childhood Development (OECD)* will host a workshop for the Vietnamese community on How to Identify a Child with Special Needs. In addition, Dr. Arungawa from the DC Department of Health will explain the city's current lead condition and the effects of lead poisoning. This session will take place on March 16, 2004, 1:00-2:30pm, at OECD, 3501 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC. For further information, contact Wanda Grass at (202) 727-8108.

Legal Nuts & Bolts for DC Nonprofits. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants*

Development (OPGD) will host a training session presented by the DC Bar Pro Bono Program Community Economic Development Project and DC Bar Sections. This session is specifically designed to cover legal issues pertinent to nonprofit organizations and faith-based organizations that have social service programs. Learn about pro bono legal assistance that may be available to your organization, the legal and fiduciary duties of members of nonprofit boards of directors, basic employment law issues, and much more. This session will take place on April 23, 2004, 10am-noon, at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, 11th Floor Citywide Conference Center, Room 1107. This workshop is free but space is limited. To register, call (202) 727-8900 by April 19, 2004.

Resources. *The GRANTS.GOV* site offers a resource section that provides access to useful GRANTS.GOV and other grants-related information and links. Some topics include categories of grant programs being offered by the federal government, federal asset sales, the Federal Assistance Award Data System and more. For further information, go to: <http://www.grants.gov/Resources>.

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